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South African Ports Cargo Handling Code of Practice

TO MASTERS OF ALL SHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS, SHIP OPERATORS, OWNERS, MANAGERS AND SHIP'S AGENTS, STEVEDORES, LABOUR BROKERS, PORT AUTHORITY, TERMINAL OPERATORS, AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Notice is to advise the stevedore industry of safety legislation and codes that are currently in effect and need to be complied with

1. Chapter III, Section 28 of the Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations, 1994 refers to the South African Ports Cargo Handling Code of Practice published by the National Ports Authority of South Africa as amended from time to time.

2. Recently there has been some confusion as to whether the South African Ports Cargo Handling Code of Practice or the Code of Safe Working Practice for Ships Handling Cargo in South African Ports is in effect.

3. Please take note of the following:

The Amended Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations, 2007, which seeks to replace the South African Ports Cargo Handling Code of Practice with the Code of Safe Working Practice for Ships Handling Cargo in South African Ports, has **not yet** been promulgated by the Department of Transport.

4. Therefore the South African Ports Cargo Handling Code of Practice is still in effect and must be complied with, until such time as the Amended Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations, 2007 have been promulgated.

5. It would be unlawful and unfair to expect companies to comply with a Code that has not yet been promulgated by the Department of Transport.

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